



FRIENDS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH-BELTSVILLE, Inc.

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The FAR-B Board of Directors met on Jan. 10, 1989, in room 233, Bldg. 003, BARC. Those present were: R. L. Steere, G. W. Irving, T.C.Byerly, Frank Longen, E. Knipling, C. Golumbic, Jane Wall, L. Fonda and A. A. Piringer. Maggie Blackwell was present as a guest.

The meeting was called to order at 1 p.m.

The Minutes for the December meeting, prepared by Dr. Steere, were read and approved.

The Treasurer, Frank Longen reported on the two bank accounts.

Regular Account, Balance on hand 12/13/88	\$7,771.65
Income	237.31
Expenses	-0-
Balance as 1/10/ 89	<u>\$8,008.96</u>

Conference & Symposia, Balance 12/13/88	\$6,162.19
Income, interest	35.92
Expenses,	-0-
Balance 1/10/89	<u>\$6,198.11</u>

A copy of the Treasurer's report is filed with the official Minutes.

Membership Committee: there was an associate renewal and one new member. It was requested that aa list of retirees with home address be available to FAR-B. Dr. Knipling will forward a copy of the letter which is written to each employee at the time of the retirement.

Information Committee: A discussion of the logistics of getting out the newsletter explored various avenues. It may be possible for Maggie Blackwell, part time employee, to include the preparation of the newsletter in her duties.

Articles are needed for the March newsletter regarding the Symposia. The Co-chairmen of the Symposia should be asked to supply information to Jane Wall.

It is hoped that a good article on the Visitor's Center may be obtained, rather than just a statistical report which is not very interesting reading. Also a list of awards to employees will also be obtained for inclusion in the newsletter.

Symposia Committee: A draft letter has been prepared. After editing the letter will be signed by Dr. Steere, to be sent to the list of interested companies and individuals.

Maggie Blackwell was introduced to Board members. She is Secretary to the Symposia Committee.

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Nominating Committee: A report from Dr. Piringer listed the following candidates to fill Board positions at the Annual Meeting in March.

President: T. C. Byerly
Vice President: A. A. Piringer
Secretary: Maggie Blackwell
Treasurer: Frank Longen
Director: Jane Wall
Director: W. A. Bailey
Director:

Dr. Knipling gave a report regarding the changes that will take place after the inauguration. Dr. Plowman's position seems to be secure. There were many speculations concerning the various positions under the new administration. A dedication of Bldg.006 is expected to take place on April 12. It will emphasize not only the modernization program, but will symbolize some of the new science and technology pulling together all of the plant molecular biology.

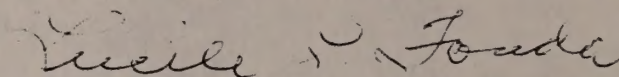
There is a constant effort by outside groups wanting to obtain land for various uses. There is a report being prepared regarding the effect on the wet lands with the 70 acres to be used by Metro. The impact will be on roads, etc. Senator Hoyer assures us that he hopes to maintain the integrity of BARC and will support whatever initiatives might come about in the future regarding trade-offs, etc., in which BARC is interested.

It is possible that a history of the USDA might be prepared. Also a Beltsville Honor Roll will be designed. Something honoring Henry Wallace will also be considered.

The next meeting of FAR-B Board will take place on February 14th in the Conference Room 233, Bldg. 003 at 1 p.m. All members are asked to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lucile L. Fonda, Secretary

Frank Longen

January 10, 1989

SUBJECT: Progress Report of Nominating Committee

TO: Russell L. Steere
President, FAR-B

FROM: A. A. Piringer, Chairman
G. W. Irving
F. J. Longen

A. A. Piringer

At the FAR-B annual meeting to be scheduled during the first quarter of 1989, the following officers are to be elected - President, Vice President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer, as well as one Director.

All current officers are completing 3-year terms and all are eligible for reelection to one successive term and all were given the opportunity.

The Nominating Committee now propose the following slate:

President - T. C. Byerly
Vice President - A. A. Piringer
Secretary - Margaret Blackwell (tentative)
Treasurer - F. J. Longen
Director - W. A. Bailey

Note that the by-laws do not indicate how, after the initial election in 1985, directors are confirmed but Bill Bailey's name is recommended to the membership as successor to Joe McBride. However, Bill Bailey's appointment and that of other directors, may be the prerogative of Presidential appointment or acclimation by the sitting Board of Directors.

If the above recommended slate is elected by the membership at the next annual meeting, two directorships will need filling prompted by the upward mobility of T. C. Byerly and A. A. Piringer. Jane Wall has agreed to become one of the Directors and George Irving and Cal Golumbic will continue their terms as Directors. This leaves one directorship vacancy.

All officer nominees are aware of their selection and have agreed to serve if elected. Similarly, the Director candidates are aware of their selection and will serve as elected or appointed as appropriate.



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The FAR-B Board of Directors met on Feb. 14, 1989, in room 233, Bldg. 003, BARC. Those present were: R. L. Steere, Donald Keister, T.C.Byerly, Frank Longen, E.B. Knipling, C. Golumbic, Jane Wall, L. Fonda, A. A. Piringer and W. A. Bailey.

The meeting was called to order at 1 p.m.

The Minutes for the January meeting were approved with a correction.

Dr. Knipling gave his report since he was scheduled to attend another meeting. Having discussed Maggie Blackwell's duties he suggested that ARS will contribute her time to FAR-B. As an ARS employee she would then become the Executive Secretary. Another Recording Secretary would only be responsible for Annual Meeting Minutes. A motion was made that Maggie be made an Associate Member, without a fee. The Motion was seconded and passed.

There will be a ceremonial dedication of Bldg. 006 in the Auditorium on April 12 if all invited speakers are able to attend. There will be a tour of the facilities, and light refreshments. FAR-B is invited to take part in the ceremonies.

The Agency would like, with FAR-B's concurrence, to make a presentation of the Henry Wallace Award at the Symposium. The time might be the last hour before lunch of the first session, or the first hour after lunch. It is expected that dignitaries would be present, and therefore the daytime meeting is preferred.

Dr. Knipling said that they have been soliciting nominations for Awards. Some nominations have been received. It was suggested that awards should be given to persons who have worked at Beltsville, and that the work should have some connection with the Symposium subject. Retirees are preferred.

Dr. Knipling said that he talked with Wayne Rasmussen regarding a history of BARC. It is expected that it could take upwards of a year's time and ARS is in a position to support the work financially. FAR-B could participate with information, and in the printing of the manuscript. It was also suggested that FAR-B have a steering committee to oversee the work and to give advice.

A list of retirees back to October 1st was given to the Membership Chairman, and in the future, as people retire and notice is given to Dr. Knipling he will be able to keep the Committee informed.

Don Keister reported that the second announcement of the Symposium has been sent out and there has been a good response. The primary speaker has not yet been determined. FAR-B members (not Associate members) will be able to buy Banquet tickets separate from the registration fee. The registration fee will include a copy of the Proceedings. ARS Beltsville Scientists have a special rate.

Steve Berberich will become the Director of the National Visitor's Center. Joe Garvey had to leave to run his personal business which had been handled by his son. A two week's notice was given and Steve has accepted the position and will be at the Center on February 27th. He has had approval to change the name to The National Visitor and Education Center. Steve has many ideas which he hopes to promote such as Special Tours, area school visits, the use of educational materials and, hopefully, an old fashioned ticker tape machine which will provide the visitors with an up to date agricultural news item as they depart the building. The Board wished him success in his new position.

The Theater Room will be used for the Annual Meeting of FAR-B on March 14, 1989, at 1 p.m. Board Members are requested to attend a meeting prior to the Annual Meeting, at 12:30 p.m., in the Lincoln Room. A motion was made, seconded and passed that refreshments will be provided by FAR-B at the Annual Meeting. Marge Fellows is the contact at the Visitor's Center and her number is 344-2483.

Steve also suggested that a good illustrator work with Rasmussen to track down photos and other materials which will make the history interesting.

Various ideas were discussed, including one about a talking cow which may be stored away somewhere. Future activities will be interesting to watch.

The Treasurer, Frank Longen reported on the two bank accounts.

Regular Account, Balance on hand 1/10/89	\$8,008.96
Income	633.76
Expenses	163.40
Balance as 2/14/ 89	<u>\$8,479.32</u>

Conference & Symposia, Balance 1/10/89	\$6,198.11
Income, interest	156.26
Expenses,	907.54
Balance 2/14/89	<u>\$5,446.89</u>

At the request of Dr. Duby and Dr. Ron Fayers, honorariums which they received from Merck & Co., were turned over to FAR-B. A letter has been written to Merck & Co. and well as to the two scientists.

A copy of the Treasurer's report is filed with the official Minutes.

Dr. Piringer reported that the membership stands at 133. There is one sustaining member, 8 patrons, 86 personal members, and 38 Associate Members. Eight Personal Members and 7 Associate Members were dropped for non payment of dues.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret A. Fendler
Secretary



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The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by Dr. Steere.

The Minutes of the February Board Meeting were approved with additions.

There was a discussion of the list of names suggested for the FAR-B Awards. A motion was made to present the award to both Dr. Alan W. Taylor, Research Chemist, and Dr. Ed Hacszylo, Plant Physiologist. The motion was seconded and passed.

The next Board Meeting will be held on April 11th in Conference Room, 233, Bldg. 003 at 1.00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m. to allow Board Members to attend the Annual FAR-B Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucile L. Fonda
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PLEASE NOTE MEETING LOCATION CHANGE

DATE Tuesday, June 13, 1989
TIME 1:00 p.m.
LOCATION NATIONAL VISITORS CENTER
LOG LODGE

URAL RESEARCH-BELTSVILLE, Inc.
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in Room 233, Building
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J. Wall, R. Steere, and
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Jane Wall introduced a guest, Glenn Strait, National Science Editor with "The World & I" (a monthly Washington Times publication with nationwide distribution). Mr. Strait circulated five copies of the publication along with guidelines to the Natural Science Section. Mr. Strait explained they use freelance writers but prefer more knowledgeable writers. One section "At the Edge" relates to ARS. Mr. Strait's reason for coming to the meeting was to ask FAR-B's help in finding former employees who would be interested in writing articles for The World & I. It was mentioned that a lot of ARS employees hesitate to write for publications such as this because of a conflict of interest.

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Mr. Strait was given a copy of the Second Announcement for the Beltsville Symposium. He will contact Dr. Keister directly. Dr. Knipling commented that FAR-B members are the best candidates for writers because of their knowledge and expertise. Drs. Papavizas and Dreschler were mentioned as world-renowned scientists.

FAR-B will keep Mr. Strait informed of any topics and/or writers in the future. Mr. Strait was also informed that Press people are welcomed to attend the Symposium as guests.

Dr. Hammerschlag from the Plant Molecular Biology Lab reported next on Building 006 Dedication scheduled for April 21 at 10:00 am. There will be a ceremony in the Auditorium, Building 003, then a tour of Building 006. Dr. Hammerschlag said refreshments will run approximately \$283.00. Mr. Longen gave her a check for \$300.00. Dr. Hammerschlag complimented FAR-B on their role and said she would donate any monies she made from invited talks and editing books as would a lot of other scientists.



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NEW BUSINESS

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BELTSVILLE SYMPOSIUM XIV

Dr. Knipling mentioned ordering plaque for FAR-B award recipients. M. Blackwell distributed handouts with current registration information and program schedule. Letters will be prepared and mailed out formally inviting FAR-B award recipients Drs. Taylor and Hacslylo and their spouses to the Banquet on May 10. Dr. Knipling will invite some Forestry officials to attend also.

Mr. Longen mentioned in the past we have always invited politicians. It was agreed we should do this again. (Note: the following were invited S. Hoyer, C. Morella, B. Mikulski, P. Sarbanes, A. Dorman, T. Maloney, P. Menes, J. Rosapepe, P. Glendening, and Kika de la Garza.)

Financial contributors for Industry will be acknowledged in the Symposium program.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Longen reported the following:

Regular Account, Balance on hand 3/14/89	\$8,858.17
Income	598.95
Expenses	108.03
Balance as of 4/11/89	\$9,349.09
Conference & Symposia, Balance 3/14/89	\$15,024.18
Income, interest	16,864.74
Expenses	81.89
Balance as of 4/11/89	\$31,807.03

Mr. Longen also reported on the problems with the Post Office closing our box and returning mail. Unfortunantely this seems to be an on-going problem with no practical solutions.

Jane Wall expressed interest in updating the FAR-B brochures. Dr. Knipling is keeping Dr. Piringer informed of new retirees.

No official word on appointment of Dr. Hess.

Henry Wallace Dedication Ceremony - Mrs. Douglas Dr. Wallace's daughter will be the spokesperson. She will be presented a bronze plaque.

Steve Berberich of the National Visitors Center had to leave the meeting early but left a hand-out for discussion. Dr. Knipling said there had been no prior discussions on this matter and that he would get with Steve and report back.

Jane Wall needs information for the June Newsletter. Some topics she would like to include are: Symposium XIV report, Assistant Secretary of S&E appointment, Building 006 Dedication, Henry Wallace Dedication, new FAR-B officers, and the FAR-B award recipients.

Meeting adjourned 2:35 p.m. NEXT MEETING June 13, 1989 at 1:00 p.m. at the NATIONAL VISITORS CENTER.

Respectfully submitted: Maggie Blackwell, Secretary



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The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m.

The Minutes for the April meeting were approved as distributed.

It was hoped that Dr. Keister and/or John Price would have been present to discuss past and future Symposia. M. Blackwell will contact John Price about attending the August meeting. Mr. Price is the Chairman for Symposium XV.

Dr. Byerly commented on the excellent presentation Dr. Steere and Dr. Piringer gave the FAR-B Award recipients at the Symposium XIV Banquet.

Jane Wall reported on the numerous important items for the June Newsletter. Those in attendance helped her set up the format.

The retirees listed in the June Newsletter will also receive a copy.

Dr. Byerly questioned the future of the support between University of Maryland and BARC. Dr. Murrell said there may be some lower level changes. Bob Kennedy is new at the University of Maryland Ag Department and is offering FAR-B assistance.

Dr. Murrell had the following to report:

Concerning retirees, he suggested M. Blackwell to be central contact for this list. Mag to contact Paula Matthews, Personnel Branch, for this information (to include length of service awards and retirees).

He would like for Mag to reach the Institute Offices on telemail for Departmental and external awards. This information would be included in the FAR-B Newsletters.

We need only two-thirds of the greenhouse space now at BARC-West. Plans are to patch up Range 3, move research from Ranges 1 and 2 into Range 3, upgrade Ranges 1 and 2 then demolish Range 3.

On July 27, Dr. Hess is coming to BARC. Dr. Hess is the newly appointed Assistant Secretary for Science and Education.

Steny Hoyer will be visiting SCS Road in the near future.

Dr. Murrell reported on the renovation of the 500 Buildings on the East side. There will be no idle facilities. There are plans for a new integrated swine facility (in Building 200).

There have been relevant discussions between ARS and the National Cancer Institute for Human Nutrition studies.

Steve Berberich, National Visitor's Center had the following to report:

Steve reported the "Take Pride in America" (TPIA) day a big success and thanked FAR-B for funding their lunch. Dr. Murrell provided funds for the perennial plants. Steve said they have labeled the plants along the nature trail at the Visitor's Center and encourages everyone to visit the area. Jane Wall asked if FAR-B could be informed of the next TPIA day in advance to let FAR-B members know. Steven made note of this. There was discussion about the National Arboretum supplying plants for plots in front of Buildings 001-005.

There will be a dedication of the National Visitor's Center at the Log Lodge in the Fall. Steve hopes to have good publicity. If available, FAR-B will include information on this in the September Newsletter.

Discussion about increasing FAR-B's membership by including information on FAR-B's goals and other areas of expertise in tours of BARC. Dr. Hollis is eager to update the FAR-B brochure. Will try to have a new brochure ready for the Log Lodge dedication. Steve would like some of the FAR-B people to get together with the Tour Coordinators for discussion. The Visitor Center would also like to have a list of names and area of expertise of FAR-B members.

Discussion on designing and maintaining a greenhouse facility display at the National Visitor Center for genetically-engineered plants. Discussion that "containment stage" is so short that you don't really need to go into the expense of specialized greenhouse facilities.

Treasurer's Report

Frank Longen gave the following report on the two bank accounts.

<u>Regular Account</u> , Balance on hand 4/11/89	\$ 9,349.09
Income	2,406.89
Expenses	<u>605.04</u>
Balance as of 6/13/89	\$11,150.04

<u>Conference & Symposia</u> , Balance on hand 4/11/89	\$31,807.03
Income, interest	20,582.09
Expenses	<u>29,477.46</u>
Balance as of 6/13/89	\$22,911.66

Symposium account looks very good. Dr. Keister was complimented on his publication idea (besides Proceedings, invited papers will be published in the Plant and Soil journal).

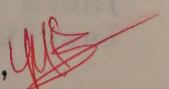
Mr. Longen reported on the FAR-B members who haven't paid their dues. Reminders could be included in Newsletter with a return envelope.

Other Business

It was brought to the Board's attention that Dr. Knipling included FAR-B's role in a speech he gave at the National Arboretum in May. It was agreed that Dr. Knipling should receive recognition for his support of FAR-B.

The next meeting of the FAR-B Board of Directors will be Tuesday, August 8, 1989 at 1:00 p.m. in Conference Room 233, Building 003.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, 
M. A. Blackwell, Secretary



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The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President Ted Byerly.

The Minutes for the June meeting were approved as distributed.

Dr. Byerly expressed regret that John Price, 1990 Symposium Chairman, was not at the meeting and asked that he be notified by the Director's Office to attend the September meeting to report on Symposium XV progress.

Jane Wall reported that she would like to have news articles for the September Newsletter by the end of August. She would like information from John Price on Symposium XV; Visitor Center Dedication; Take Pride in America Day; New Director appointment; World and I progress; and an article on Dr. Raymon E. Webb who died recently.

National Visitor Center Dedication - FAR-B is offering to help with refreshments. At this point we are not certain of date. Dr. Byerly thought it would be appropriate to purchase some of the "clone apples" grown here at Beltsville to have with refreshments at the Dedication.

Tom Sexton, who was sitting in for Dr. Murrell had the following to report:

Assistant Secretary Hess' visit went nicely; Dr. Hess seems to be a very friendly, upbeat person.

Senator Mathias will be hosting the new Ambassador of Pakistan's visit to BARC the first week in September; an itinerary is being planned.

Plans for Bldg. 003 renovation are scheduled for early November. The Area Office will relocate to NAL; administrative support will be renting private space off government property while renovations are underway.

The Metro construction on Sunnyside involves tampering with 34 acres of wet land. Dr. Owens is Chairman of the Environmental Committee.

Discussion relative to availability of Ft. Meade property.

Plans are in progress for Patuxent Wildlife to open a Visitor Center off of Powder Mill Road, north of Rt. 197.

Monies are in the FY91 budget to design and construct a new swine facility.

Dr. Sexton's comments (continued)

Security at the animal facilities has been upgraded and reportedly working very well. Eventually want to tie the alarm system in with Greenbelt Police.

The Dairy complex is scheduled for modernization. The Grainery will be relocated and/or construction of a modern facility is planned.

There should be an announcement of the new BARC Director and other appointments within the next two weeks.

The BARC Beautification project is underway. Plots have been made ready outside Buildings 001-005. Plants have been ordered by the Director's Office. An irrigation system is planned also.

Dr. Piringer brought up Dr. Raymon E. Webb's death. Everyone was saddened by this news. Dr. Piringer will get with other friends of Dr. Webb's and write an article for the September Newsletter about Dr. Webb's accomplishments in the research field of potatoes.

The Compost Site issue was brought up. Dr. Sexton will check into current plans for the site and possibilities of processing plastics.

M. Blackwell reported she received the listing on recent retirees from Paula Matthews. Dr. Piringer will write a letter to them outlining FAR-B's role and Maggie will mail it to them with the September Newsletter.

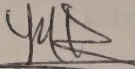
Mr. Longen gave the following report on the two accounts:

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	Income	+201.51
	Expenses (postage)	-125.00
	Balance as of 8/8/89	\$11,227.45
Conf. & Symposia:	Balance on hand 6/13/89	\$22,911.66
	Income, interest	+1,527.37
	Expenses (honoraria)	-1,750.00
	Balance as of 8/8/89	\$22,689.03

Mr. Longen also brought up that Dr. Finney paid for letterhead with his own money. He felt we should reimburse him \$123.00 and send him a letter of thanks. Motion made, seconded, and passed to do so.

Meeting adjourned 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


MARGARET A. BLACKWELL
Secretary

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING is TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1989, 1:00 p.m., Second Floor Conference Room, Building 003.



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The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President Ted Byerly.

The Minutes for the August meeting were approved as distributed.

Everyone welcomed Dr. Finney back to Beltsville. Dr. Finney circulated the following materials:

- A. Telemail message (dated 8/29/89) from Dr. Plowman announcing Key Management Assignments.
- B. Letter from Jane Giles, Director, Personnel Division, congratulating Dr. Roger H. Lawson for being selected as one of ARS' Outstanding Scientists of the Year.
- C. USDA-ARS Budget Status - pointing out Beltsville's part

Dr. Finney said he is Acting Director for six months at which time a decision will be made on job permanency. Dr. Murrell has been detailed to Peoria, IL in an Acting Area Director capacity also. Other assignments are: Dr. Sexton, Acting Deputy Director and Dr. St. John Acting Deputy Area Director, PSI.

Building 003 will be vacated for renovation in November. Director/Area offices will move to the 4th floor of the NAL Building.

NEW BUSINESS

Soil Conservation Road construction is not yet completed. Delay in completion is due to the primary contractor backing out of the job so another contractor had to be hired.

The organization, Friends of NAL, now has Mr. Mark Andrews as an Associate Member and in a leadership role. Mr. Andrews is a Senator from North Dakota.

Renaissance '93 is slowly progressing. \$1 million dollars was paid to Gilbert Associates to do a "modernization study". They are in the third of four stages evaluating the program. The federal government felt we should hire an "outsider" who would be impartial to the work needed. Estimated it will take 10-15 years to complete the work.

Discussion on wet lands transfer to Metro. There was a meeting last week. Lowell Owens is Chairperson for the Ecology Committee.

The Plant Stress Laboratory is undergoing reorganization. Dr. Krizek is Research Leader of the Climate Stress Lab.

BELTSVILLE SYMPOSIUM XV "Remote Sensing for Agriculture"

John Price, Physicist in the Remote Sensing Research Laboratory and Chairman for next year's Symposium, reported on progress of the Symposium. In essence, remote sensing is the rapid means of looking at the earth. At the present, it is not economically viable to small farmers. He said the papers of invited speakers will be published in "Remote Sensing of the Environment" Journal rather than a separate "proceeding" -- thus getting better circulation at a much lower price. People will pay their own page charges. Journal fee is so nominal will probably be incorporated into the Registration Fee and be available to all participants.

Dr. Finney questioned the circulation of the journal. Dr. Price wasn't sure but will find out and report at the October meeting.

Steve Berberich expressed interest in developing a "hands-on" display on remote sensing for the Symposium and offered his staff and expertise to help.

Jane Wall asked Dr. Price to keep us informed as to progress of the Symposium.

Mr. Longen asked if NASA is aware of FAR-B's involvement; Dr. Price assured him they are and that NASA is very glad to have their participation.

Mr. Longen also commented on the problem of depositing checks made out to "Beltsville Symposium". Would prefer they be made out to "FAR-B/Symposium XV" to avoid problems with the bank. Another concern is the potential filing of IRS tax returns on all the monies in the Symposia account and FAR-B being classified as a "non-profit" organization. It was agreed that whenever Mr. Longen feels he needs to, he should consult a tax accountant to handle the tax matters with the IRS.

NATIONAL VISITOR'S CENTER

Steve Berberich announced the next Take Pride in America day is October 14, 1989 - rain date October 21. He asked if FAR-B would provide lunch again. The motion was made, seconded, and passed to do so.

Steve mentioned that a lot of people don't know about FAR-B. He would like to have an open meeting to publicize the organization. Jane Wall and Dr. Piringer will discuss. The Log Lodge would be available for use. He would also like for FAR-B representatives to come and talk to his staff on our organization.

The Visitor Center is working on a new tour route. It will have 3-4 stops where visitors can go watch on-going current research. One place would be at Dairy -- and observation deck at the milking facilities.

Steve announced they have had to postpone dedication of the Log Lodge. At present, are getting together a Planning Committee. However, on November 12 they hope to have an informal dedication to enable them to present awards.

TREASURER'S REPORT

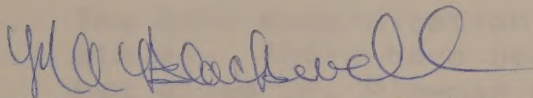
Mr. Longen reported the following on the two accounts:

Regular Account: Balance on hand 8/8/89 \$11,227.45
Income +142.19
Expenses -205.90
Balance as of 9/12/89 \$11,163.74

Conf. & Symposia: Balance on hand 8/8/89 \$22,689.03
Income, interest +1,830.00
Expenses (rubber stamps) - 21.40
Balance as of 9/12/89 \$24,497.63

Meeting adjourned 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



MARGARET A. BLACKWELL
Executive Secretary

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING is TUESDAY, October 10, 1989,
1:00 p.m., Second Floor Conference Room, Building 003.



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The FAR-B Board of Directors met on October 10, 1989 in the 2nd Floor Conference Room, Building 003. Those in attendance were: T. Byerly, J. Wall, A. Piringer, R. Steere, G. Irving, W. Bailey, and M. Blackwell. Guests at the meeting included Essex Finney.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President Ted Byerly.

The Minutes for the September meeting were approved as distributed.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Finney had the following to report:

Dr. Plowman asked Dr. Finney to review the cooperative agreement between BARC and University of Maryland. Would like to see the poultry and natural resources areas of research strengthened. The Memorandum of Understanding has 25 amendments and dates back over many years. Particularly, the survey of Beltsville laboratories needs updating. There are approximately \$2.5 million federal dollars given to the University of Maryland to provide support at BARC.

Dr. Finney circulated a copy of the program for the 2nd International Symposium. This year's title is Biotechnology and Food Safety. This meeting is held in cooperation with USDA, University of Maryland and Dupont.

The BARC Modernization study is in the third of five report stages. There have been a lot of recommendations. Dr. Finney has given Dr. Plowman a briefing on progress. One recommendation the group has is to build new structures to move some of the offices and/or labs into. Dr. Finney will give a presentation at the FAR-B Annual Meeting in March 1990 updating the modernization status.

On October 17 Deputy Secretary ^PBarnell, Dr. Hess and four Executive Assistants will be visiting BARC.

Dr. Plowman has selected Gordon Marten, ARS-University of Minnesota, as the new ^{Acting} Associate Director of BARC. (The FAR-B Board expressed their thanks to Dr. Sexton as he served in an acting capacity during the transition.)

On October 16 the President will issue orders to cut costs - across the board.

Dr. Byerly asked Dr. Finney about the rules regulating sale of BARC property. Dr. Finney reported that legislation has been passed to prohibit any sale of BARC land. This means that GSA cannot unilaterally declare any BARC land surplus and put it up for sale.

Dr. Byerly also commented on the numerous compliments received on this quarters Newsletter.

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Dr. Byerly reported on Dr. Clair E. Terrill's recent election to receive the Saddle and Sirloin Portrait Award for 1989. The presentation will be made November 12, 1989 in Louisville, Kentucky.

Concern was expressed at not having a contact in the Information Division. Dr. Finney will arrange a meeting with Bob Norton to appoint someone. // ← *

Dr. Byerly reiterated the fact that FAR-B's primary service is providing support to the Symposium. At this point, Maggie Blackwell brought up a request made to Mr. Longen from Dr. Keister for funds to pay for publishing Symposium XIV proceedings. The monies were to be available from ARS but those monies came up short due to Maggie's salary being more than budgeted. Dr. Keister informed Mr. Longen that the cost of publishing the Proceedings would be between \$7,000. and \$8,000. Motion was made, seconded and passed to pay for the proceedings from the FAR-B Symposium and Conference account. Dr. Keister will handle necessary paperwork to transfer funds from FAR-B into ARS (signed agreement is between publisher and ARS so funds must come from ARS). Dr. Finney was not aware of shortage; a meeting will be arranged between Dr. Finney, Dr. Keister and Maggie to discuss the symposium budget. // ← *

Dr. Byerly asked about NASA's involvement in Symposium XV. Maggie reported that they are providing support to her by way of Westover Associates. They will provide numerous administrative services that Maggie reported will help out immensley.

Jane Wall reported that she is gathering information for the December Newsletter. She reminded Dr. Finney and Dr. Byerly that she needs input from them for the Newsletter. // ← *

TREASURER'S REPORT

In Mr. Longen's absence, Maggie reported the following for him on the two accounts:

Regular Account:	Balance on hand 9/12/89	\$11,163.74
	Income	-0-
	Interest	59.30
	Expenses	-0-
	Balance as of 9/12/89	\$11,223.04
Conf. & Symposia:	Balance on hand 9/12/89	\$24,497.63
	Income, interest	-0-
	Expenses (Executive	111.78
	Printing-First Announce.)	
	Balance as of 9/12/89	\$24,385.85

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There being no other business to conduct the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

M. A. Blackwell

MARGARET A. BLACKWELL
Executive Secretary

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING is TUESDAY, November 14, 1989, 1:00 p.m., Second Floor Conference Room, Building 003.



FRIENDS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH-BELTSVILLE, Inc.

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The FAR-B Board of Directors met on November 14, 1989 in the 2nd Floor Conference Room, Building 003. Those in attendance were: T. Byerly, F. Longen, C. Golumbic, T. C. Byerly, J. Wall, W. A. Bailey, A. Piringer, W. Hollis, and M. Blackwell. Guests at the meeting included G. C. Marten, J. C. Price, W. J. VanDerWoude, and S. J. Britz.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President Ted Byerly.

Minutes for the October meeting were approved as distributed.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Marten was introduced and had the following to report:

- Circulated a memo from Dr. Finney informing us of Dr. Marten's appointment.
- ARMPs was well received with minimal cuts; no personnel cuts.
- Director's Office will be moving to the 4th floor of NAL on Friday, November 24, 1989. Major renovations of Building 003 will be underway for the next two years.
- 1989 Scientist of the Year Award program will be at 1:30 pm on November 15, 1989. Bus will leave Building 003 at 12:30.
- Deputy Secretary Parnell from California will visit BARC.
- Dr. Marten reported on the 3-year Environmental Compliance Activity program. BARC is to expand safety staff from five to eleven employees. There will be unannounced safety spot checks of hoods. EPA wants separate Federal Facilities Compliance Agreement for BARC; they won't accept just Maryland safety standards.

SYMPOSIUM XV UPDATE

John Price, Symposium XV Chairman, circulated a memo regarding computer needs for the symposium secretary. Discussion on the importance of a personal computer for storing data and the risks and inconveniences of having to move data each year from one computer to the next. Mr. Longen will check with the property office about inventory and ownership of the system. Motion was made, seconded and passed to purchase a system for the symposium secretary at a price not greater than \$2500.00.

Dr. Price also reported that he has asked Dr. Plowman to make opening comments at the Symposium.

Dr. Byerly was concerned about people finding their way to NASA. Dr. Price said that maps will be distributed to all preregistrants.

Other discussion on Symposium XV included inviting the World Weather Bureau to attend and soliciting private industry funds. Dr. Price will give Dr. Byerly a priority list to keep FAR-B informed of progress.

SYMPOSIUM XVI "Plant Photomorphogenesis" REPORT

Dr. VanDerWoude introduced Dr. Britz as co-chairman for Symposium XVI. He circulated a one-page summary of the meeting. The year 1991 will mark the 40th anniversary of the beginning of phytochrome research. Due to Building 003 renovations, this symposium will be held at the Center of Adult Education, The University of Maryland University College, College Park, MD, September 22-27, 1991. There will be additional costs for renting the facilities that will run approximately \$5,000.00. They plan on encouraging graduate student attendance by having a lower registration fee for them.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Longen gave the following report:

Regular Account:	Balance on hand 10/10/89	\$11,223.04
	Income (new membership)	80.00
	Expenses (Ck #144 TPIA	139.51
	Luncheon-S. Berberich)	
	<u>Balance as of 11/14/89</u>	<u>\$11,163.53</u>
Conf. & Symposia:	Balance on hand 10/10/89	\$24,385.91
	Income, interest	251.35
	Expenses (None)	
	<u>Balance as of 11/14/89</u>	<u>\$24,637.26</u>

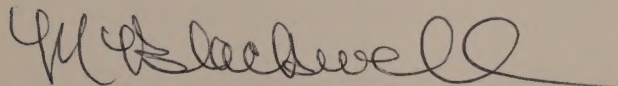
Mr. Longen reported that Standard Federal did not credit us with interest so he called to inquire and found out that they never should have credited our checking account because it is a "non-interest bearing account". Discussion we should consider certificate of deposits or money market account for our regular account.

National Potato Museum

Dr. Piringer reported on visiting this museum. It is in need of a new location. After discussion, thought it'd be best to work with Steve Berberich on the possibility of housing this at BARC.

There being no other business to conduct the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



MARGARET A. BLACKWELL
Executive Secretary

*****NOTE LOCATION CHANGE*****
NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING is TUESDAY, December 12, 1989,
1:00 p.m., Room 402, NAL Building.



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December 13, 1989

Due to inclement weather we had to cancel the December 12 FAR-B Board of Director's Meeting.

THE NEXT FAR-B BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING WILL BE:

Tuesday, December 19, 1989

1:00 p.m.

Room 401, NAL Building



DIRECTOR
ASSOCIATE

FRIENDS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH-BELTSVILLE, Inc.

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The FAR-B Board of Directors met on December 19, 1989 in Room 401 NAL Building. Those in attendance were: T. Byerly, F. Longen, G. Irving, W. Hollis, R. Steere and M. Blackwell. Guests at the meeting included E. Finney.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President Ted Byerly.

Minutes for the November meeting were approved as distributed.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. E. E. Finney gave the following report:

- He attended the public hearing on the location of the Greenbelt Metro inside the Beltway. The site will be a storage and inspection yard and will be on BARC property. A portion of this facility will infringe on some wetlands. Greenbelt citizens are concerned and feel there may be alternative sites such as Research Road, Springfield and Powder Mill, or Patuxent property, *for mitigating adverse impact on wetlands.*
- The final budget included a 1.4% reduction across the board. Special Congressional increases went to the Systematic Entomology Laboratory (at the Smithsonian), Beltsville Human Nutrition Center, and Renaissance 93.
- The visit with Dr. Parnell on November 22nd went very well. Some of the places he visited on the Center included the ~~Vegetable~~ *Instrumentation* Laboratory, South farm, Livestock and Poultry, and the Human Nutrition Center. He hopes to return in the Spring.
- Negotiations with the State of Maryland on Environmental Compliance have been successful. One of the State's concern was with chemical collection; that a lot of chemicals are being stored on BARC property. All the Labs have been inspected and have properly disposed of any unuseable/unwanted chemicals. A training program is in progress for employees in the laboratories.
- Building 003 is under renovation. Major improvements will include upgraded conference and cafeteria facilities.
- Dr. Finney reported on the following BARC employees who have recently received awards: Dr. Roger Lawson, Dr. Giletta and Dr. Maas, Dr. Ned Baker, and Dr. Calvin R. Sperling. He also read a list of recent retirees whose names and addresses were given to Dr. Piringier to contact regarding joining FAR-B.

Edward

FAR-B SOLICITATION FOR FUNDS LETTER

Mr. Longen and Dr. Hollis circulated copies of their changes. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed to go with Mr. Longen's changes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Longen gave the following report:

<u>Regular Account:</u>	Balance on hand 11/14/89	\$11,163.53
	<u>Income</u> (new membership)	+50.00
	(renewals)	+20.00
	<u>Expenses</u> (Ck #145 to Sears	- 8.94
	for office supplies)	
	<u>Balance as of 12/12/89</u>	\$11,224.59

<u>Conf. & Symposia:</u>	Balance on hand 11/14/89	\$24,637.26
	<u>Income</u> (3 cancelled	+1,016.61
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	from Holiday Inn,	
	registration fee)	
	<u>Expenses</u> (Ck #236 to Univ.	- 200.00
	of MD-Adult Educ Center	
	(Advance for Symp XVI)	
	Balance as of 12/12/89	\$25,453.87

Mr. Longen mentioned that in the near future the conference and symposia account will be paying out two large sums of money; one for the secretary's computer and the other for XIV proceedings.

There being no other business to conduct the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Respectfully Submitted,

M. A. Blackwell

MARGARET A. BLACKWELL
Executive Secretary

*****NEXT MEETING*****

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING is TUESDAY, January 9, 1990,
1:00 p.m., Room 402, NAL Building.

